

A.D. 8.13, Sex Offender Programs

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1. Policy. The Department of Correction shall provide sex offender programs for inmates.
2. Authority and Reference.
  - A. Connecticut General Statutes, Section 18-81.
  - B. American Correctional Association, Standards for Administration of Correctional Agencies, Second Edition, April 1993, Standard 2-CO-4A-01.
  - C. Administrative Directive 9.2, Inmate Classification.
3. Definitions. For the purposes stated herein, the following definitions apply:
  - A. Sex Offender. Any sentenced inmate who has a sex offender needs score of 2 or above.
  - B. Sex Offender Programs. Services which may include orientation, psychoeducational groups, individual counseling, group counseling, pharmacological interventions, discharge planning, and other clinical interventions.
4. Organization. The Deputy Commissioner of Programs shall designate specific facilities to provide sex offender programs.
5. Sex Offender Needs Score. A sex offender needs score shall be assigned to a sentenced inmate consistent with the objective classification manual in accordance with Administrative Directive 9.2, Inmate Classification. Each classification counselor shall inform any inmate with a sex offender needs score of 2 or above of existing sex offender programs.
6. Referral. During regular reclassification reviews, a classification counselor shall inform a sex offender of the availability of sex offender programs. An inmate may request to participate in sex offender programs through their assigned classification counselor at any point during the inmate's incarceration. The Health Service provider's Mental Health Unit staff shall conduct an assessment to determine an inmate's eligibility to participate in sex offender programs. Inmates will be prioritized for services based on clinical needs, motivation, available resources and release date.
7. Orientation. The Department of Correction shall offer sex offender orientation at designated facilities.
8. Assessment and Program Assignment. Qualified staff shall conduct an assessment to determine program assignment.
9. Process Evaluation. An ongoing evaluation of services shall occur at all designated sites. This evaluation shall require submission of statistical and narrative reports to the Director of Health Services or designee.
10. Exceptions. Any exception to the procedures in this Administrative

Directive shall require prior written approval from the Commissioner.